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SUBJECT: FORMER DIRECTOR OF PLAN ORGANIZATION KILLED BY POLICE

REF: TEHRAN A-208, OCTOBER 13, 1966

1. TEHRAN NEWSPAPERS OF OCTOBER 23 REPORT THE KILLING OF TEHRAN POLICE ON OCTOBER 20 OF AHMAD ARAMESH, A FORMER MINISTER, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PLAN ORGANIZATION AND A BROTHER-IN-LAW OF SENATE PRESIDENT AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER SHARIF-EMAMI. PRESS DESCRIBES AS SABOTEURS ARAMESH AND ANOTHER MAN KILLED BY ARAMESH BEFORE POLICE IN TURN KILLED HIM.

2. COMMENT: HIGH POSITIONS FORMERLY HELD BY ARAMESH AND HIS DISTINGUISHED FAMILY TIES HAVE MADE HIS KILLING A MATTER OF SOME NOTE IN TEHRAN AND MAY ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF ANTI-REGIME ELEMENTS OUTSIDE IRAN. EXACT CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO HIS DEATH ARE UNCLEAR, BUT HE WAS A BITTER AND UNREMITTING CRITIC OF THE SHAH WHO RECEIVED IN THE 1960'S A TEN-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR ACTIVITIES DETRIMENTAL TO THE SECURITY OF THE STATE. PARDONED BY THE SHAH BEFORE COMPLETING HIS SENTENCE, ARAMESH CONTINUED HIS VIOLENTLY WORDED ATTACKS AGAINST THE IRANIAN SOVEREIGN ALMOST TO THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. THESE ATTACKS, WHICH OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT HAVE ESCAPED THE NOTICE OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY AUTHORITIES, CONTAINED THE MOST VICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SHAH AND

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PRESIDENT NIXON IN LETTERS ADDRESSED TO AMERICAN

AMBASSADORS IN TEHRAN, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR HELMS.
ARAMESH HAD REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED SUICIDE ON A NUMBER
OF OCCASIONS AND APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MENTALLY UN-
BALANCED FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. END COMMENT.
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